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PROGRAM CHANGE DECISION Z-7-665. PROGRAM 437

A memorandum from the Secretary of the Air Force requested authority to reinstate Program 437 operational training launches as follows:

FY 68  
1

FY 69  
2

FY 70  
1

Secretary of Defense Decision F-5-078 (Format B) September 1, 1965 deferred authorizing a specific number of operational training firings for Program 437 for FY 67 and subsequent years.

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The Air Force has reduced its previously estimated requirement of one launch per year for each of three crews to that shown above, because of the partial crew training provided through Program 417 and Program 922 launch support tasks.

There are no manpower or financial changes involved in the launch schedule requested. Funds were approved for procurement of 4 training payloads for FY 67 and FY 68 in OSD Program/Budget Decision #371, December 16, 1966, to support Program 437 live launch training requirements.

#### LAUNCH SCHEDULE ALTERNATIVES

The requested launch schedule is a valid training requirement. Two alternatives are feasible: (1) Approve the requested launch schedule. (2) Disapprove the requested launch schedule.

#### DECISION

I approve alternative (1). (Date of decision: 4 Dec 67)

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